15th October 2013

Dear Year 5 / 6 Parents

As per our whole school Camping Policy, our children in Grades 5 & 6 next year will have the opportunity to attend a school bush camp. As we have now moved to an annual camping program, we were unfortunately unable to secure a camp at short notice that provided the students with a 5 day / 4 night experience. The camp planned for Term 1, 2014 will be for 4 days and 3 nights.

The Camp’s venue is “Rawson Village”, in the township of Rawson, Victoria. It is approximately 2 1/2hrs from Melbourne. The students will travel to and from the camp in seat belted coaches. Please feel free to go to the website www.rawsonvillage.com where you can find more information about the venue, facilities and activities that will be available to our campers. Some activities, for example, will include the Commando course, hut building, archery, initiatives, flying fox, high/low ropes, climbing wall/tower.

The Camp dates are Tuesday 11th March through to Friday 14th March (first term) so be sure to place these into your diary now.

The values of a school camp are numerous for both students and staff. Beginning the school year with a camp will allow our students to connect with and develop a strong awareness of each other. It will provide them with the opportunity to form new friendships and perhaps rekindle some old. They will get to know their teachers on a less formal basis and further develop their co-operative skills, their resilience, their compassion and respect for each other and the world around them.

An information night will be held early in Term 1 next year with relevant Grade 5/6 teachers. More details about this will be distributed closer to the date.

Thank you.

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Gr 5 & 6 2014 Camp Co-ordinator